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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the governing  
9 body of any Class 4, Class 5, or Class 6  
10 municipality to regulate, by referendum, the sale  
11 of alcoholic beverages seven days a week.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to Class 4, Class 5, and Class 6  
18 municipalities; authorizing the governing body of any Class 4,  
19 Class 5, or Class 6 municipality to regulate, by referendum,  
20 the sale of alcoholic beverages seven days a week.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) This act shall apply only to Class 4,  
23 Class 5, and Class 6 municipalities.

24 (b) The governing body of any Class 4, Class 5, or  
25 Class 6 municipality, by referendum, may regulate the sale of  
26 alcoholic beverages on Sunday by designating hours during  
27 which alcoholic beverages are authorized to be sold at retail

1 and sold for on-premises and off-premises consumption by  
2 retail licensees within the corporate limits of the  
3 municipality in the following manner:

4 The governing body, by resolution, may call a  
5 referendum for the municipality to designate the hours on  
6 Sunday during which alcoholic beverages are authorized to be  
7 sold at retail and sold for on-premises and off-premises  
8 consumption by retail licensees within the corporate limits of  
9 the municipality.

10 Section 2. The governing body of any Class 4, Class  
11 5, or Class 6 municipality may hold a referendum to determine  
12 if alcoholic beverages may be sold on Sunday. The referendum  
13 shall be held at any special, primary, or general election and  
14 shall be subject to one of the following procedures:

15 (1) Approval of a resolution by the governing body  
16 of the municipality.

17 (2) Petition for a referendum signed by at least 10  
18 percent of the registered voters who voted in the last  
19 election held in the municipality at least six months prior to  
20 the date the names of the voters on the petition are certified  
21 by the judge of probate.

22 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.